

HOUSE BILL 693

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
IMPLEMENT ELECTRONIC PATIENT HEALTH RECORDS AT PRIMARY CARE
CLINICS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--Two million dollars
(\$2,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 to
implement electronic patient health records in primary care
clinics eligible to receive funds under the Rural Primary
Health Care Act to assist these primary care clinics in
developing analyzable, comprehensive patient records, including
laboratory and radiology test results; seamlessly exporting
information or data to state, federal and regional registries
and databases; improving practitioner access to evidence-based

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1 protocols, decision support tools and best practices in disease
2 management and prevention programs; prescribing medications
3 through systems with alerts for adverse drug reactions;
4 devising systems for measuring patient outcomes and offering
5 practitioners incentives for positive patient outcomes;
6 involving patients more fully in their health care through
7 personal health records and web portals; reducing mortality and
8 morbidity caused by preventable medical errors; and achieving
9 cost savings through elimination of unnecessary or duplicative
10 treatment and diagnostic tests. Any unexpended or unencumbered
11 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert
12 to the general fund.

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